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## **Sen. Schauer Appointed to State** **‘Help America Vote Act’ Advisory Committee**

**LANSING** – Sen. Mark Schauer today announced his appointment to the State of Michigan’s Help America Vote Act Advisory Committee.

“Voting is the foundation of our country’s democratic system,” Schauer said. “This committee will ensure that Michigan qualifies for federal funding so our election days run with even greater efficiency and accuracy.”

The newly formed advisory committee is responsible for helping form and file a state plan so Michigan can qualify for the federal funds available to meet the requirements of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 is a new federal law that seeks to strengthen states’ election processes by improving access at the polls, replacing old voting equipment, and making it easier for citizens with disabilities and overseas military personnel to vote.

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The state plan must be developed with the input of the new advisory committee and will be submitted by July 1, 2003. The plan will include how the state will:

- meet technology and election administration requirements,
- budget and monitor the funds it receives,
- adopt voting system guidelines consistent with the new federal requirements, and
- educate voters and poll workers.

Schauer is the Senate Democratic Floor Leader. He represents the 19<sup>th</sup> District, which includes all of Calhoun County and most of Jackson County.

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